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Athanasios Sioutalos, Greek prisoner of war held in Turkey.

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Honorable Sir:

I enclose a letter on bahalf of Mrs Constantina Petropoulou for your attention.

I do not know but the Department may decide to interfere for the recovery and release of her unfurtunate brother who is now held as a slave from a prisoner of War in the country of Tuerkey.

Respectfully yours,

Andrew Zafiropoulos

Letter and enclosure

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Milwaukee, Wisconsin
November 10, 1936

Department of State
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Honorable Secretary of State:

I have been a resident in the City of Milwaukee for twenty-five years and I have become a full American citizen on September 11, 1929 under Certificate No. 3187055.

I left a brother in Greece who during the war against Turkey was called into the ranks of the Greek Army. Upon the defeat of the Greecian army at Asia Minor in 1922 my brother was reported killed. However, recent definite information has come into my hands by way of a man who had the same unfortunate luck as my brother had had, that instead of their both being dead, they are prisoners of war since during the exchange of prisoners after the armistice was signed by the two nations the Turks seemed to hide several prisoners and one of them happened to be my brother.

The information is that my brother, whose name is Athanasios Sioutalos, is at the present time performing the duties of a slave for Moustafa Mpey at his ranch named Linari, District of ~~Kiasaria~~, KAISARIA Asia Minor.

Information has been received that every time the Greek Government has sent a commissioner or the Red Cross to Turkey they take these men and hide them for a few days in a different location, and then when the investigators are gone they bring them back to slave on the farm.

I reported this case to the Red Cross of Milwaukee, but I apply to you as a citizen of the United States and a sister of this man that your department may interfere for the freedom of my brother. It appears that the Greek Government is unable to do anything for him.

I pray to your office for the proper assistance, and remain

Nat. Certificate #3187055

Respectfully yours,
Constantina Theod. Petropoulou

Constantina Petropoulou
620 West Juneau Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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November 20 1936

Mr. Andrew J. Zafiropulos,
229 East Wisconsin Avenue,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 13, 1936, enclosing a letter, dated November 10, 1936, from Mrs. Constantina Petropoulou, 620 West Juneau Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, regarding the alleged detention of a brother, Athanasios Sioutalos, apparently a Greek subject, in Turkey.

Inasmuch as Mr. Sioutalos is not an American citizen I am sure that you will appreciate that the Department is unable to intervene in his behalf.

The naturalization certificate of Mrs. Petropoulou which was enclosed with her letter is returned herewith.

Very truly yours,

For the Acting Secretary of State:

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Enclosure:
Naturalization Certificate.

Wallace Murray,
Chief, Division of Near Eastern Affairs.

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A true copy of the signed original.

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